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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXVIII, Number 2, February 2012

## February Meeting

February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road  
Greenville, SC

**“Was Grandma Crazy? Locating Records  
Associated with Mental Illness and Insanity”**

**By Mike Becknell**

Mike Becknell is a native of Union County. His family settled there in late 1760s. He is a graduate of USC with a BA in Geology. Current President of Laurens District Chapter and Past President of South Carolina Genealogical Society, as well as the Pinckney District Chapter and the Union County Historical Society. He has been employed for last 24 years with Inman Mills in Enoree, SC.

## Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

<b>President:</b>	Tad Riddle	<b>Member at Large:</b>	Dr. Charles Lee
<b>Vice President:</b>	Judy Long	<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Patsy Swygert
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<b>State Representative:</b>	Brenda Meyer	<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Herb Clark

### President's Message

Welcome to 2012!

First of all, I want to thank Anne Sheriff, who is the curator of the Faith Clayton Family Research Center at Southern Wesleyan University, for speaking at our January meeting.

Anne spoke to us about the upcoming "100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families". Many local families have lived in the Old Pendleton District (Pickens, Anderson and Oconee areas) for at least 100 years. If you have or had family in that area, it would be worth while to go check it out. Anne said that, for a small fee, that families could buy a table to display info about their family or just come browse for free. The next "100 Year Reunion of Upstate Families" will be held on June 22-23, 2012 at Southern Wesleyan University. Contact [claytonroom@swu.edu](mailto:claytonroom@swu.edu) for further information.

Secondly, I just wanted to say what a pleasure it is to be leading such an enthusiastic group of genealogists. Many of you have done extensive research into your families and many of you are just now beginning that journey.

Several good ideas were discussed at our last meeting and I hope there will be more as we begin to dive in to some projects that have been on your minds for some time. I know some of us less experienced genealogists would like some guidance on how to get past some "road blocks" and how to avoid undocumented paper trails that might lead us astray. I have found out that this is very easy to do, especially working on [Acestery.com](http://Acestery.com). Just clicking on a family members name doesn't mean it's fact. Keep checking the paper trail!

Happy hunting and see you at the next meeting on February 2. There will be a board meeting @ 6:00 before the general meeting.

Tad Riddle

# Upcoming Events

## UpComing Meetings

February 2 – Mike Becknell

## Refreshment Chairs

February 2012 – Henrietta Sweeney

March 2012 -- Open

April 2012 – Terry Cook

May 2012 - Open

## Dues

Dues are now being received for 2012 membership. Final deadline is January 31, 2012. After that date, no publications can be mailed to members with unpaid dues.

## Chapter Publications

Please share your family histories, anecdotes, queries, or stories you have written on family history for publication in the chapter newsletter. Email [webb114@charter.net](mailto:webb114@charter.net).

Journal Assistant Editor Tom Webb is accepting articles and/or stories you have written, either about an ancestor or your research, for our column, called “The Generations Project,” based on the BYU-TV series of the same name. He asks all members to write a short article about why they started their research, what they found and where they are now in the process. Please contact him at [webb114@charter.net](mailto:webb114@charter.net).

The indexes of our Chapter’s Cemetery Survey Volumes I-VII are now online at [www.greenville.scgen.org](http://www.greenville.scgen.org), scanned by Parliamentarian Herb Clark.

Cemetery GPS locations and Google Maps can be obtained by visiting:  
<http://www.gps.scgen.org/23-greenville.html>

## January Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President **Tad Riddle** at 7:07 pm. **Tad** welcomed all and each member or guest introduced themselves. There was no reading of November minutes.

### Reports:

Vice President/Program Chairman **Judy Long** announced our speaker for the February 2012 meeting will be Mike Becknell, President of the Laurens District Chapter. The topic is "Was Grandma Crazy?" will explore the process in locating records associated with mental illness and insanity.

Treasurer, **Dot Hawkins** gave a Treasurer report beginning with the balance as of August 31, 2011, with all debits and credits through December 23, 2011, the end of 2011. **Dot** also reported on the balance of our CD (Certificate of Deposit). **Brenda Meyer** requested the paying of State dues before the next State meeting. **Brenda** went on to the State meeting scheduled for January 14, 2012 at 9:30 am in Columbia at the South Carolina Genealogical Society archives in Columbia. Directors and Offices are allowed to vote.

A motion to accept minutes (individually read in the newsletter) and reports by **Judy** was seconded by **Lesley Craddock**, and the motion was passed.

Old Business: none

New Business: Suggestions for future projects included a Woodlawn Cemetery for pictures, GPS, and book preparation; Cannon Mortuary book; restoring old pictures digitally; family tree and timeline process; and cataloguing records.

Ways to increase membership by utilizing friends, family and social networks was discussed. Also, there was a discussion on the possibility of changing our meetings to Sundays, and the location to the library downtown.

**Judy** introduced our speaker, **Ann Sheriff**, who narrated a wonderful slide show presentation on "100 Year Old Pendleton District Reunion" which was held at Southern Wesleyan University.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Judy** and seconded by **Lesley**, and the motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm at First Christian Church, 704 Edwards Road, Greenville, SC. The Board Meeting will be held prior to the meeting at 6:00pm.

Laura Taylor, Recording Secretary

## QUERIES

"I would like to visit the Gaines Cemetery located near Princeton, SC and take pictures. Does anyone know if this is accessible to the public? Looking at the maps the cemetery appears to be a good piece from the highway. All responses will be appreciated!" Keith Brown [bkeith@clermson.edu](mailto:bkeith@clermson.edu).

# The Generations Project

This month we have our Incoming President Tad Riddle's Generation's Narrative.

My journey into genealogy began right after Andrea and I got married in 1981. We first started with our grandparents.

My grandfather, Benjamin Arthur Bolt was a prominent Greenville attorney. We gradually found some info about him from WW1. As we went, we found more info about his parents. Family members started helping with what they could tell us. Found out that my grandfather's mother was part of the Owings' that founded the Gray Court-Owings town in Laurens County. And I also discovered that a cousin of my grandfather's was on the first USC team that played Clemson in 1896. I have since found many cousins in the area and in Laurens who have given me more information about the Bolt family.

I had always heard that my grandmother's family was from Scotland and lived in a castle, Dirleton. She had also said that George Heriot had been jeweler to King James VI of Scotland. The Heriot family later moved to Edinburgh. By doing this research, I discovered that George Heriot had founded a hospital which later merged with Watt Institution to become the Heriot -Watt University. I also discovered that George Heriot founded a golf course that is now home of the British Open.

The Heriots migrated to Georgetown, South Carolina. They purchased land and started building. They named the plantation Dirleton, after their home in Scotland. The Heriots planted rice-a variety know today as Carolina Gold. This past summer, while we were at Litchfield, Andrea and I took a trip to Georgetown and had a private tour of the former plantation-which is now owned by the DNR. It was really awesome to walk around in a house that your 3rd great-grandparents built and lived in.

Researching the Stark family, who married a Heriot, I found a link to Thomas Rolfe and Pocahontas. I also found another link through the Riddle line.

My Riddle line may not be as interesting as "across the pond", but it is starting to become more interesting and historic in this area.

I have found out that my great-grandfather was a shoe repairman and my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather was a railroad conductor, who was killed in a railroad accident in Pickens County in 1900. I also have discovered that in-laws of my grandfather and my grandfather were in the grocery business. Anybody remember Thomas & Howard Wholesalers?

My grandfather was manager of the Brandon Mill Store before he opened his own store in Dunean. I came across a 1941 picture of the Brandon Mill Store and employees and I have gotten names of all but a couple.

Many of the Riddle's were from Laurens and moved to Pickens and Greenville. I also have many Hester relatives in Pickens and Dacusville.

I have also discovered that my father's cousin, Joe Crossland, was a doctor and had an office in West Greenville-just down from Bolt's Drug Store. Dr. Joe delivered me and was our family doctor for many years.

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One. 1977, reprint 2007, 485 p., indexed.  
Includes 105 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Two. 1979, reprint 2003, 489 p., indexed.  
Includes 77 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Three. 1980, reprint 2007, 351 p., indexed.  
Includes Springwood Cemetery and Nazareth Presbyterian Cemetery. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Four. 1982, 3<sup>rd</sup> reprint 2007, 313 p., indexed.  
Includes 36 cemeteries. \$30.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Five. 1983, reprint 2005, 346 p., indexed.  
Includes Graceland Cemetery (West) and Beth Israel Cemetery. \$32.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Six. 2000, 188 p., indexed.  
Includes Christ Church Episcopal and African-American cemeteries. \$25.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Seven. 2007, 404 p., indexed.  
Includes 55 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.

Mackey Mortuary Death Records, 1889-1921, Greenville County, S.C. (Temporarily Unavailable)  
2000, 502 p., alphabetical and date order. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

Abstracts of Extant Greenville, S.C., Newspapers Concerning Black People Free and Slave, 1826-1865, Vol. II. 2000, 58 p., indexed. \$10.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.

1790 Census Index and 1800 Census. 1999, 48 p. \$12.50 plus \$3.25 s. & h.

All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11".

Qty.	Title	Amount	S & H.
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**Individual:** ----- \$ **21.00**

**Family:** (you and one other) You receive one ----- \$ **26.00**  
copy of the chapter publications and the State's  
Carolina Herald for two members at the same address.

**Associate:** (must be a primary member of another ----- \$ **15.00**

S. C. chapter to join as an associate)

That chapter pays the State's dues. An associate receives the local chapter publications, but not the  
Carolina Herald. The Herald is sent to the primary member of the other chapter.

Primary S. C. chapter name \_\_\_\_\_ SCGS# \_\_\_\_\_

**Surnames of families you are researching:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

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